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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in southeast Asia as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. Those lines of communication and associated facilities which support communist insurgency in Laos and South Vietnam are emphasized.

Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC unless otherwise indicated.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate.

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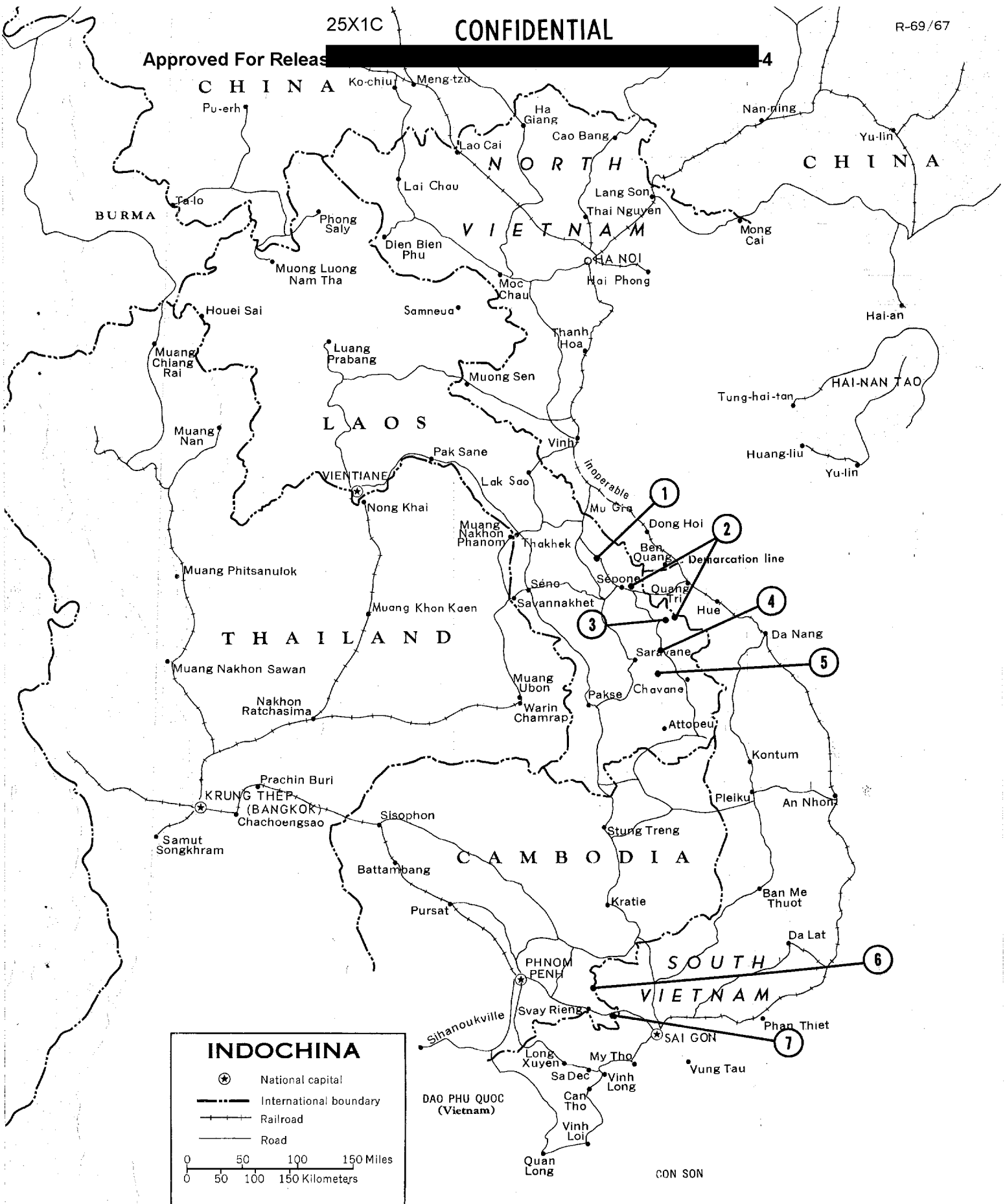
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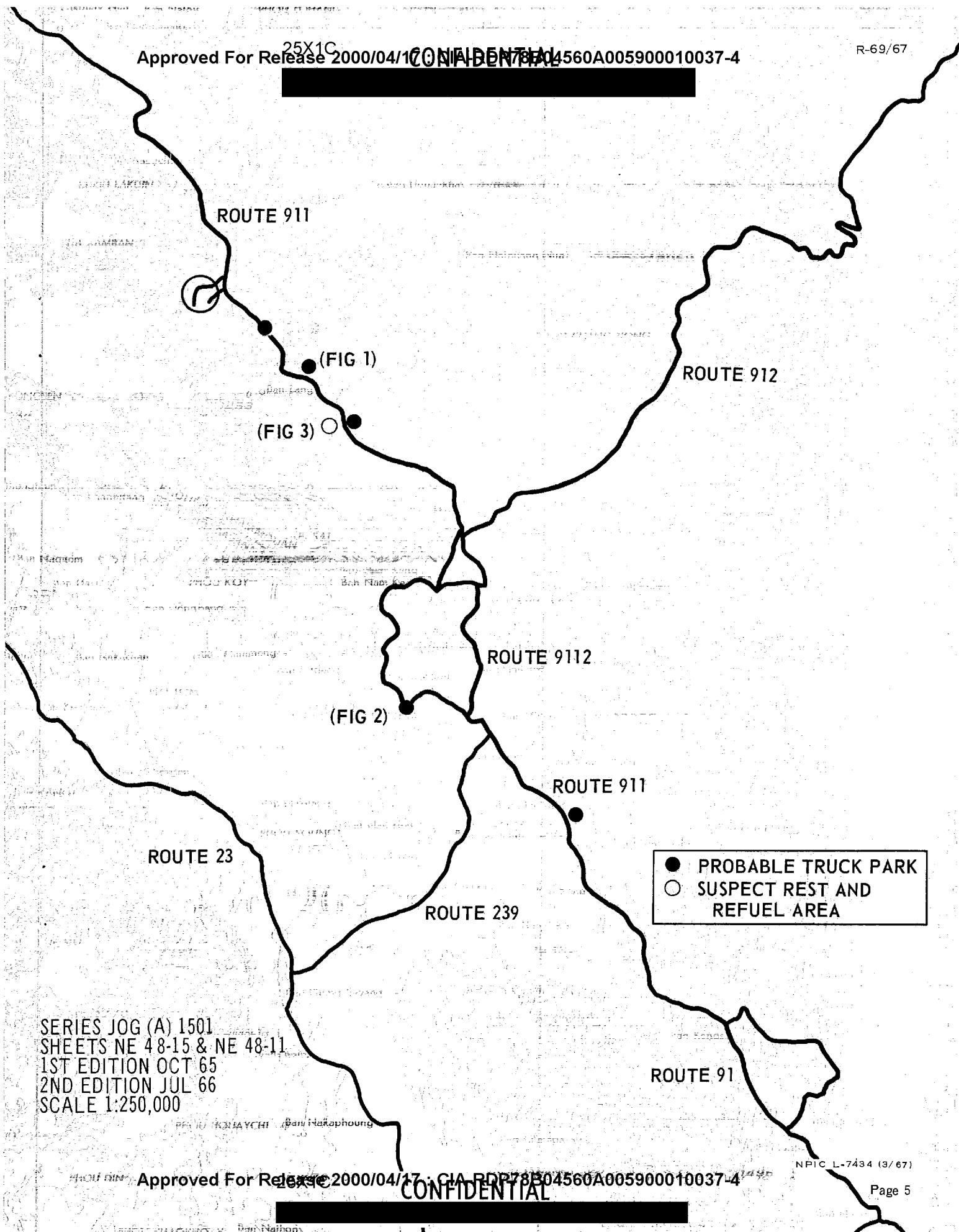
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1. Vehicle Support Facilities, Route 911, Laos

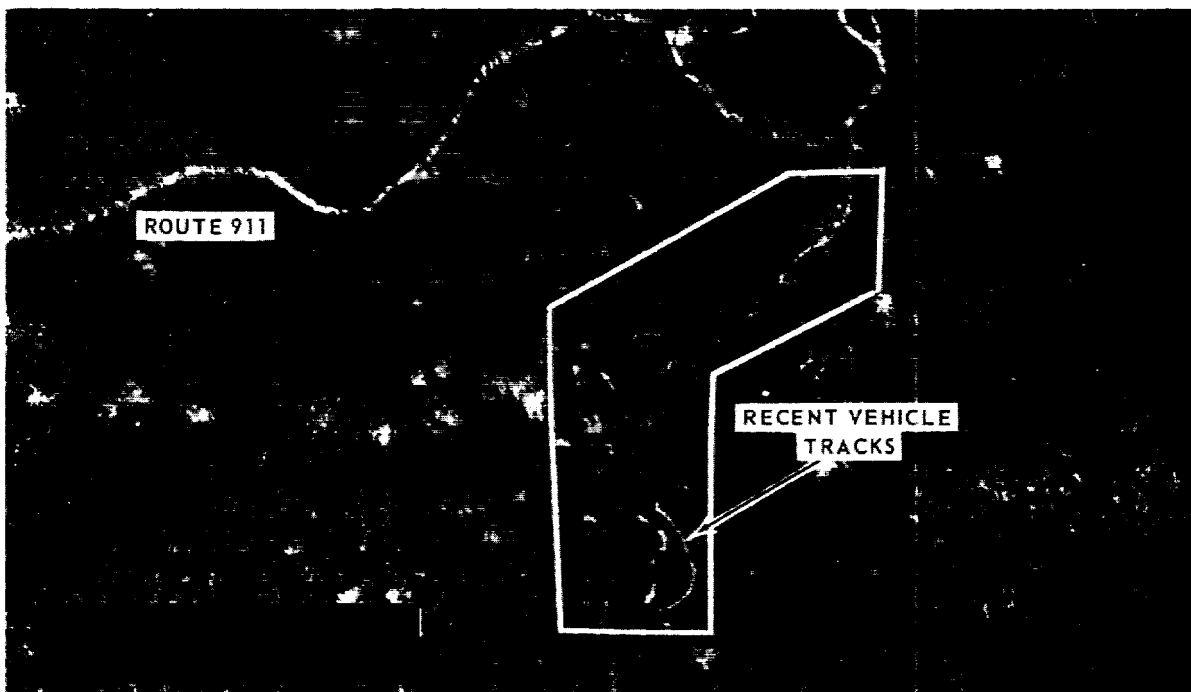
Seven active probable truck parks and suspect rest and refuel areas have been recently identified along Laos Route 911 between 17-10N 105-50E and 16-54N 106-00E. Like other vehicle support facilities in the Laotian Panhandle, they are characterized by hastily cleared roads under dense tree canopies with an absence of identifiable buildings. A brief description of each with UTM coordinates follows:

1. Suspect Rest and Refuel Area: parallel service roads extend west from Route 911 at WD891936 and WD891992 to terminate at WD886983 and WD881981, respectively.
2. Probable Truck Park: a short loop road is located west of Route 911 between WD914968 and WD915967; a single parking lane extends east from Route 911 at WD915967 to WD916974.
3. Probable Truck Park: a single parking lane extends northwest from Route 911 at WD931945 for at least 100 yards (Figure 1); three unoccupied AW/AA positions are located east of the route at WD923940.
4. Probable Truck Park: a single parking lane extends north from Route 911 at WD954916 to WD956923, then southeast to WD965908.
5. Suspect Rest and Refuel Area: a service road extends southwest from Route 911 at WD953922 and terminates in a turning loop at WD944912 (Figure 3).
6. Probable Truck Park: a single parking lane extends south from Route 911 at WD996765 to at least WD995760 (Figure 2).
7. Probable Truck Park: a loop road is located east of Route 911 between XD079700 and XD079701; a short service road with several parking slots continues east from the loop road through the village of Ban Sop Khum, to XD081701.

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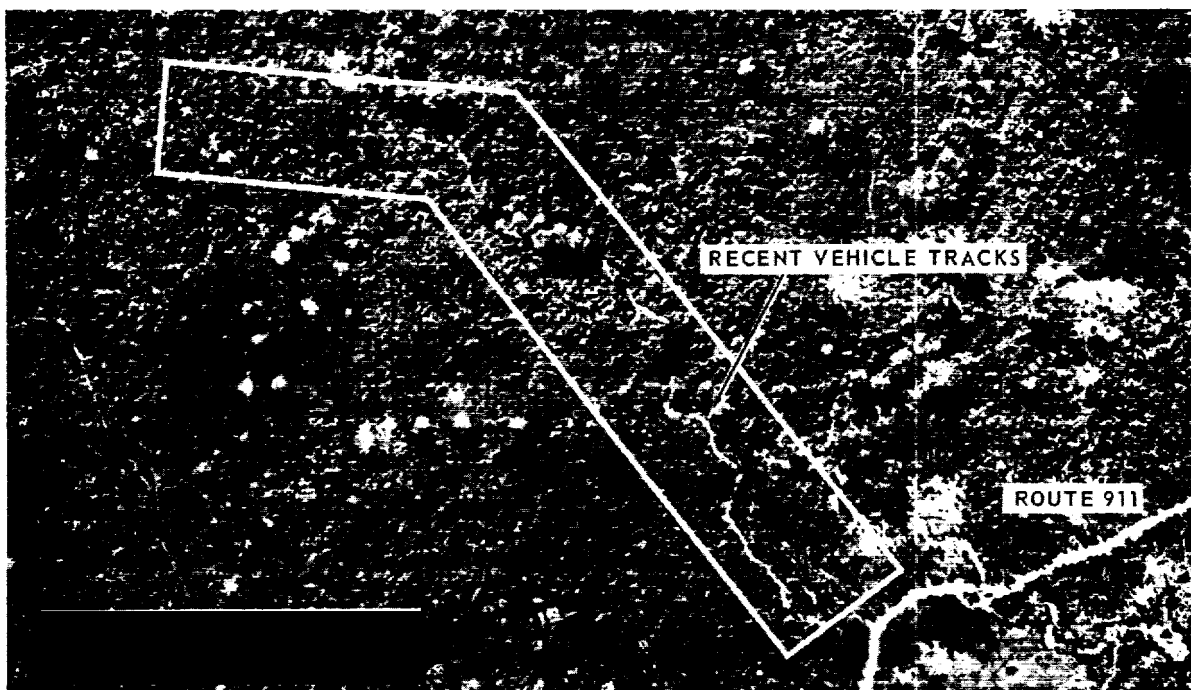
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FIGURE 1. PROBABLE TRUCK PARK (17-08N 105-52E), ROUTE 911, LAOS

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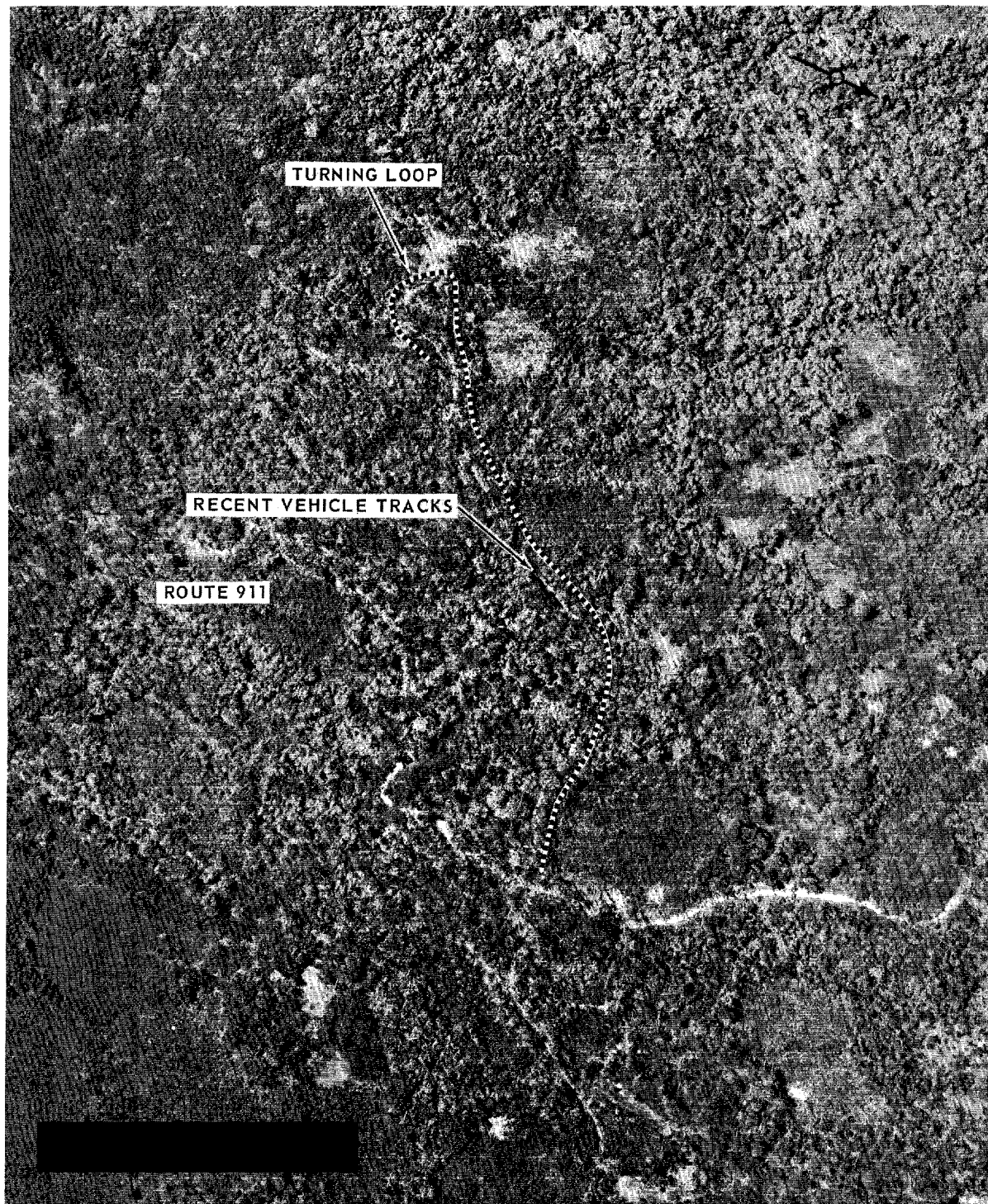
FIGURE 2. PROBABLE TRUCK PARK (16-58N 105-56E), ROUTE 911, LAOS

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FIGURE 3. SUSPECT REST AND REFUEL AREA (17-06N 105-53E), ROUTE 911, LAOS

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2. Motorable Infiltration Route Under Construction, Laotian Panhandle

A motorable infiltration route which will connect the North Vietnam road and trail network in the demilitarized zone with Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam, is probably in late stages of development. Construction has begun on an extension of Laos Route 92 north from Route 9, toward the Se Bang Hieng River Valley which crosses the Laos/Vietnam Border at the Vietnam Demarcation Line. Laos Route 922 construction, reported in Summary 37, now crosses the South Vietnam Border and extends to A Luoi, an abandoned air strip and strongpoint in Thua Thien Province. If completed, these two Laotian roads will provide a motorable infiltration route approximately 70 nm long, which will completely circumvent the allied troop concentrations in the vicinity of the Demilitarized Zone.

Laos Route 92 is being extended north from Route 9 at 16-38N 106-25E, UTM coordinates XD519397 (Figure 4). Vehicle tracks are observed on a completed road segment to UTM XD523411; construction is in mid-stage to UTM XC522422, where a culvert/bridge has been completed (Figure 5); and trail widening and initial clearing extend north to the limit of photographic coverage at XD528431.

Although a complex network of trails -- at least one of which was extensively improved -- has connected the Laos Route 9 area with the Vietnam Demilitarized Zone since [REDACTED] this is the first indication of an intention to construct a motorable link between these two points. North Vietnam Route 102 was extended into the Demilitarized Zone in [REDACTED] with probable road construction continuing west toward Laos to 16-54N 106-44E, UTM XD853688 (Summary 14). Construction was subsequently abandoned, probably due to a combination of repeated air strikes and severe weather. The current status of this construction is unknown.

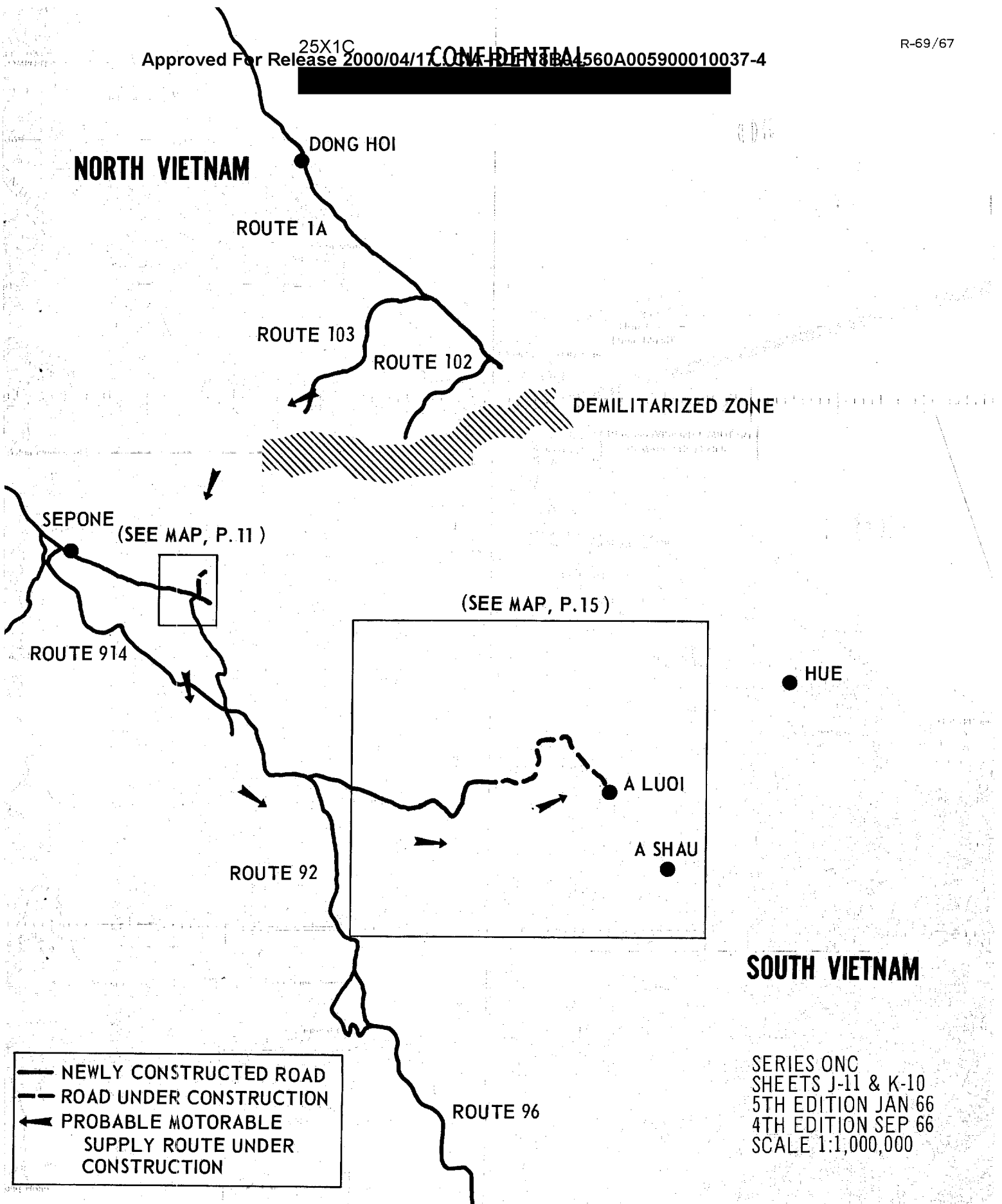
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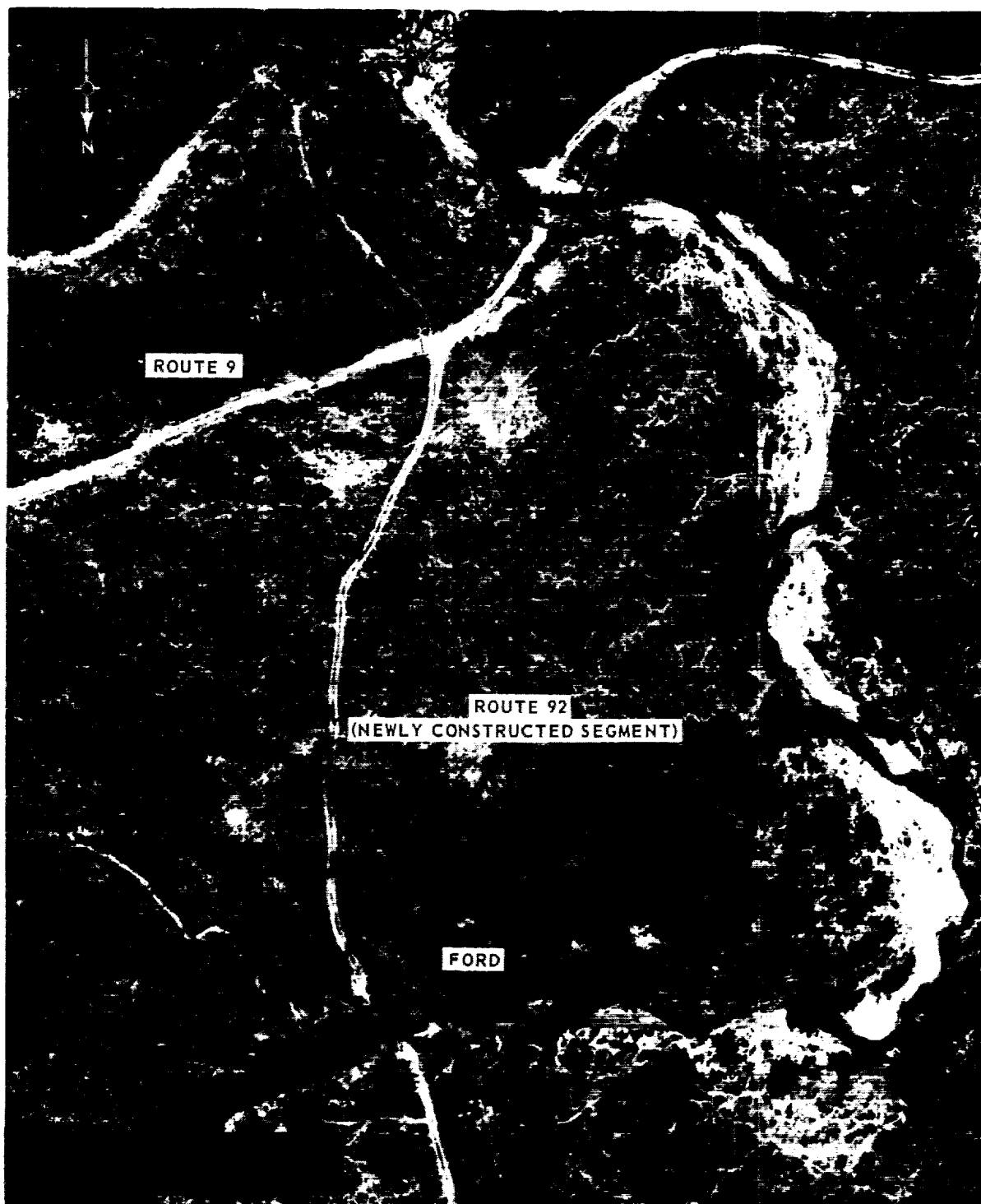
Construction continues on the eastward extension of Laos Route 922 into South Vietnam. Vehicle tracks on the completed segment now extend to 16-17N 107-00E, UTM YD151023 (Figure 6). Construction is in mid-stage to UTM YD232045, generally following the border alignment; intermittent road clearing and earth moving activity continue north into South Vietnam to UTM YD232082, then east to UTM YD278092; and trail widening and road clearing continue southeast to A Luoi at UTM YD385004 (Figures 7-11). River crossings have been improved at UTMs YD301090 and YD367025 (Figure 10).

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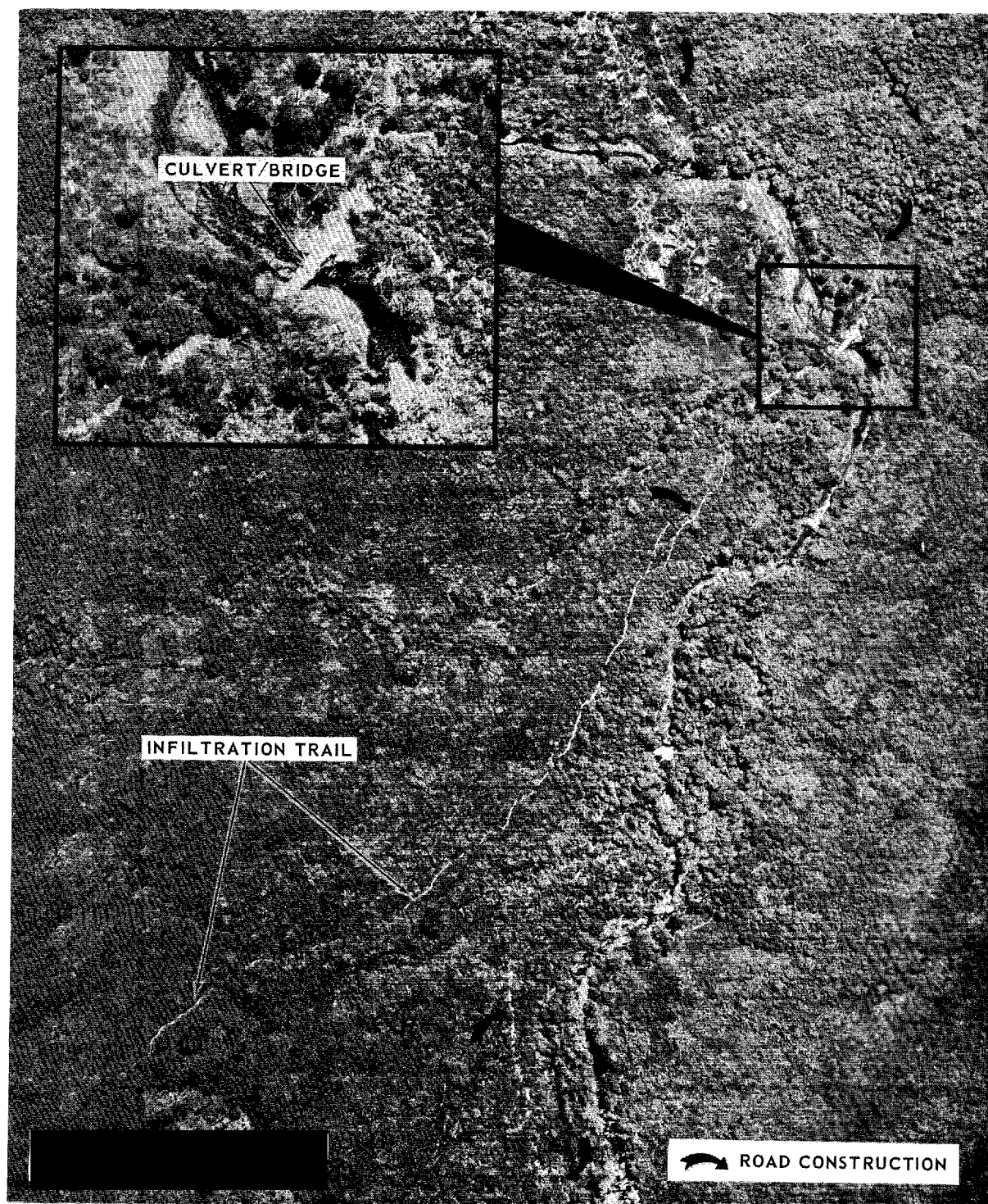
FIGURE 4. ROAD CONSTRUCTION (16-38N 106-25E), ROUTE 92, LAOS

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FIGURE 5. ROAD CONSTRUCTION (16-39N 106-25E), ROUTE 92, LAOS

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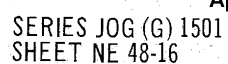


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FIGURE 6. ROAD EXTENSION (16-17N 107-00E), ROUTE 922, LAOS

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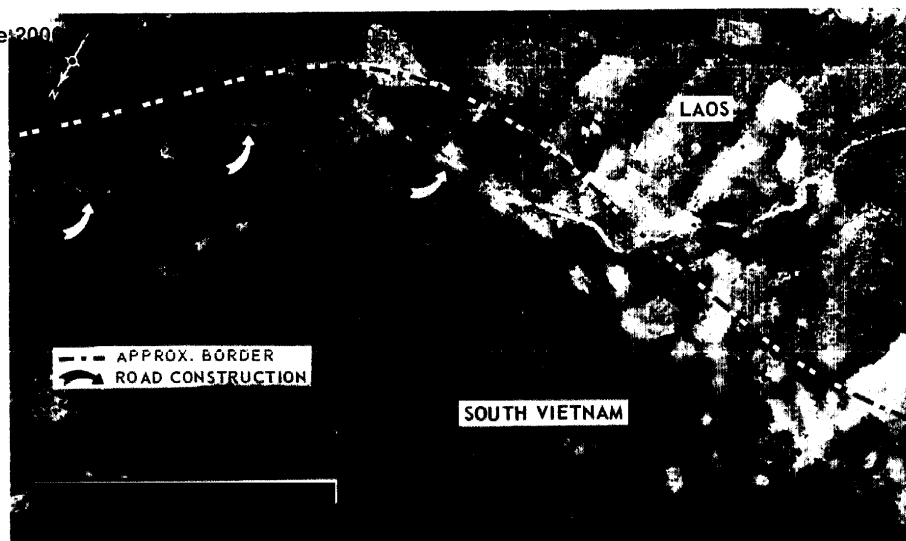
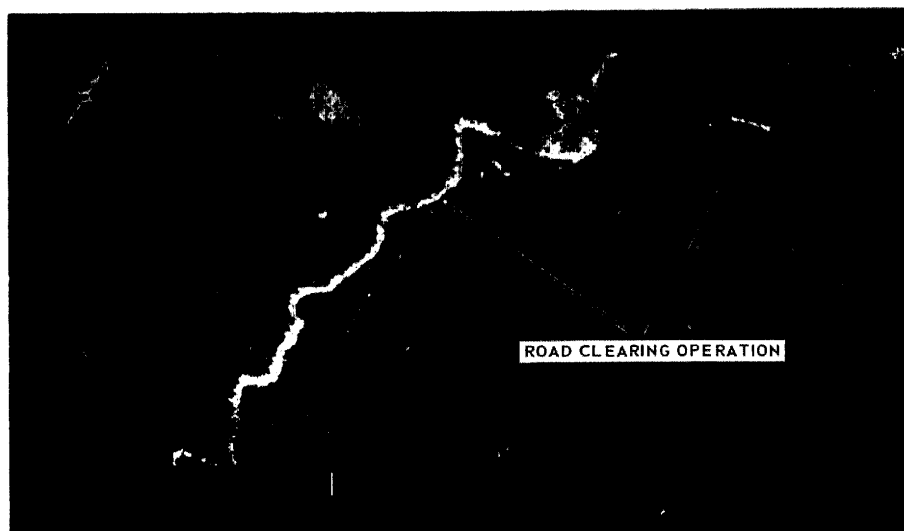


FIGURE 7. ROAD EXTENSION (16-18N 107-02E), ROUTE 922, LAOS

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FIGURE 8. ROAD CONSTRUCTION (16-20N 107-05E), LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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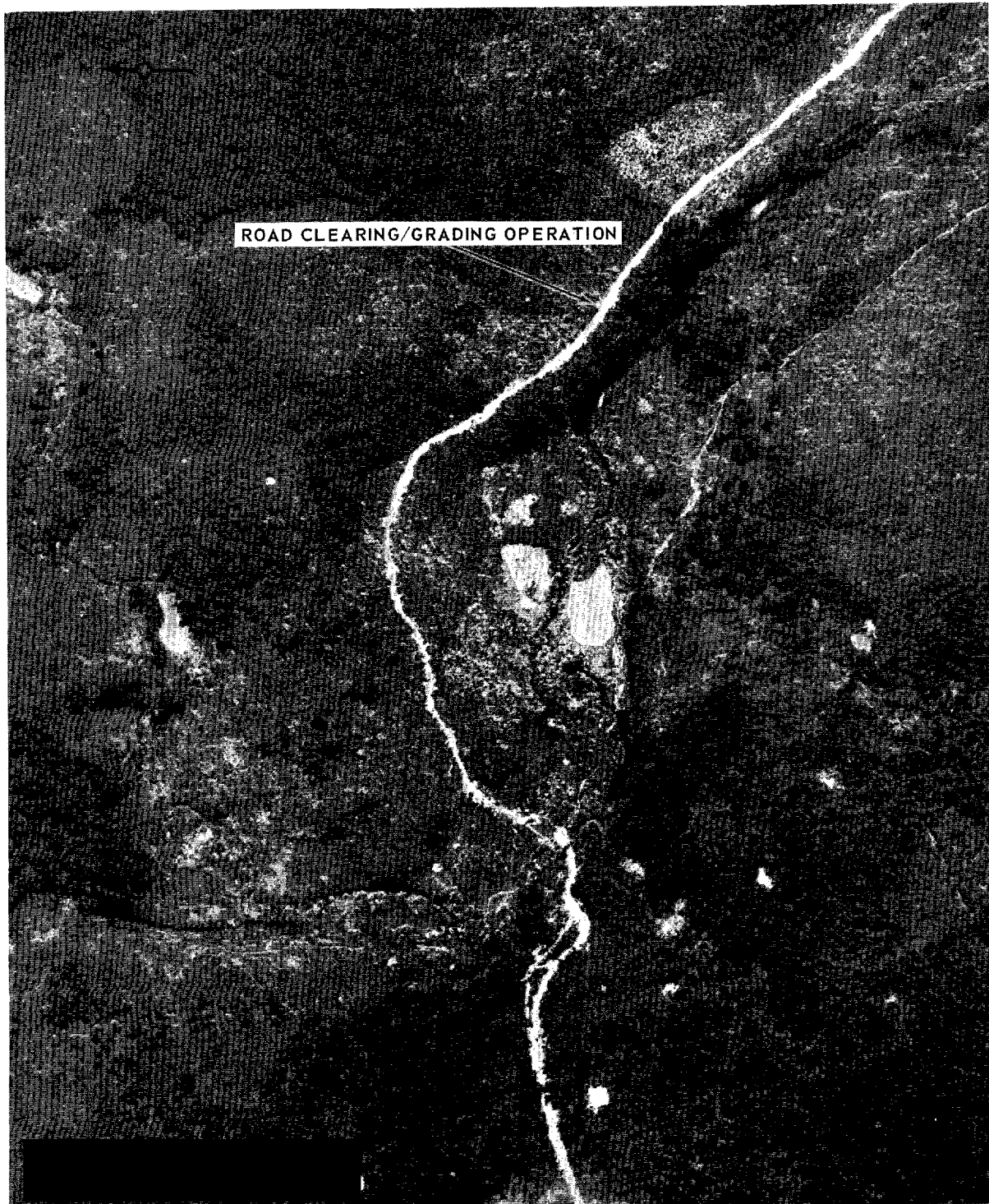
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FIGURE 9. ROAD CONSTRUCTION (16-21N 107-08E), LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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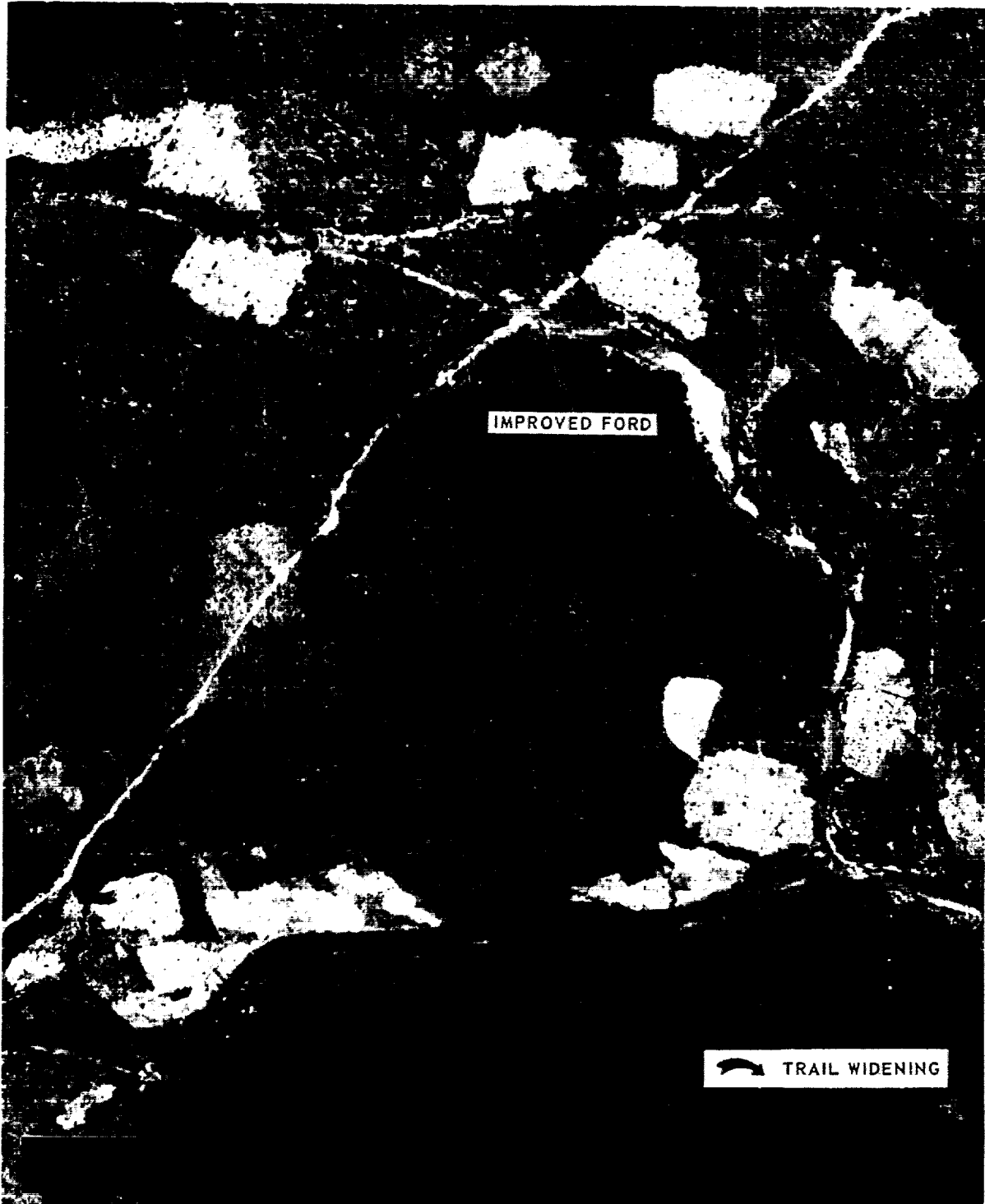
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FIGURE 10. ROAD CONSTRUCTION (16-17N 107-13 E), LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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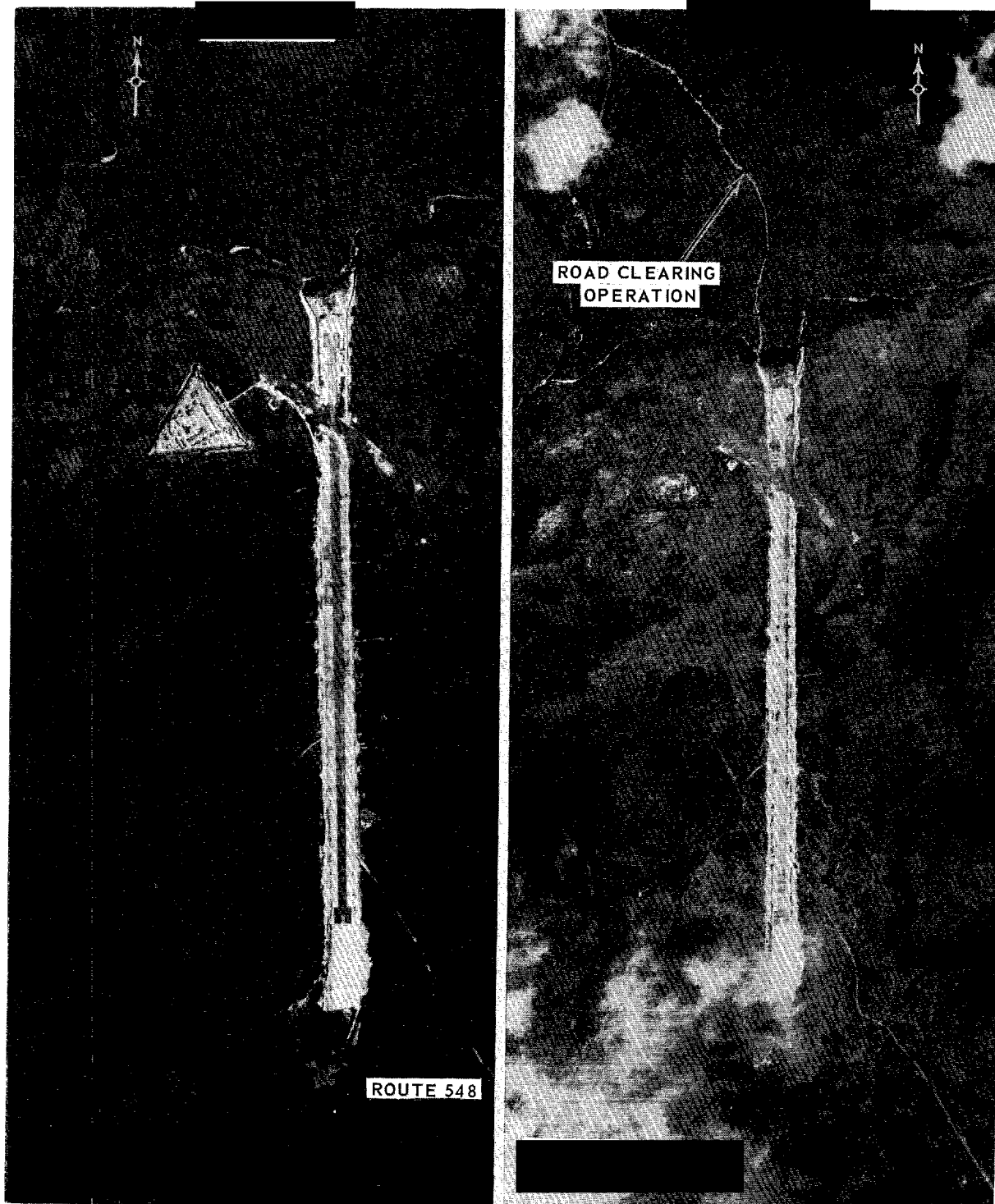


FIGURE 11. ROAD CONSTRUCTION (16-16N 107-14E), A LUOI AIRFIELD AREA, SOUTH VIETNAM

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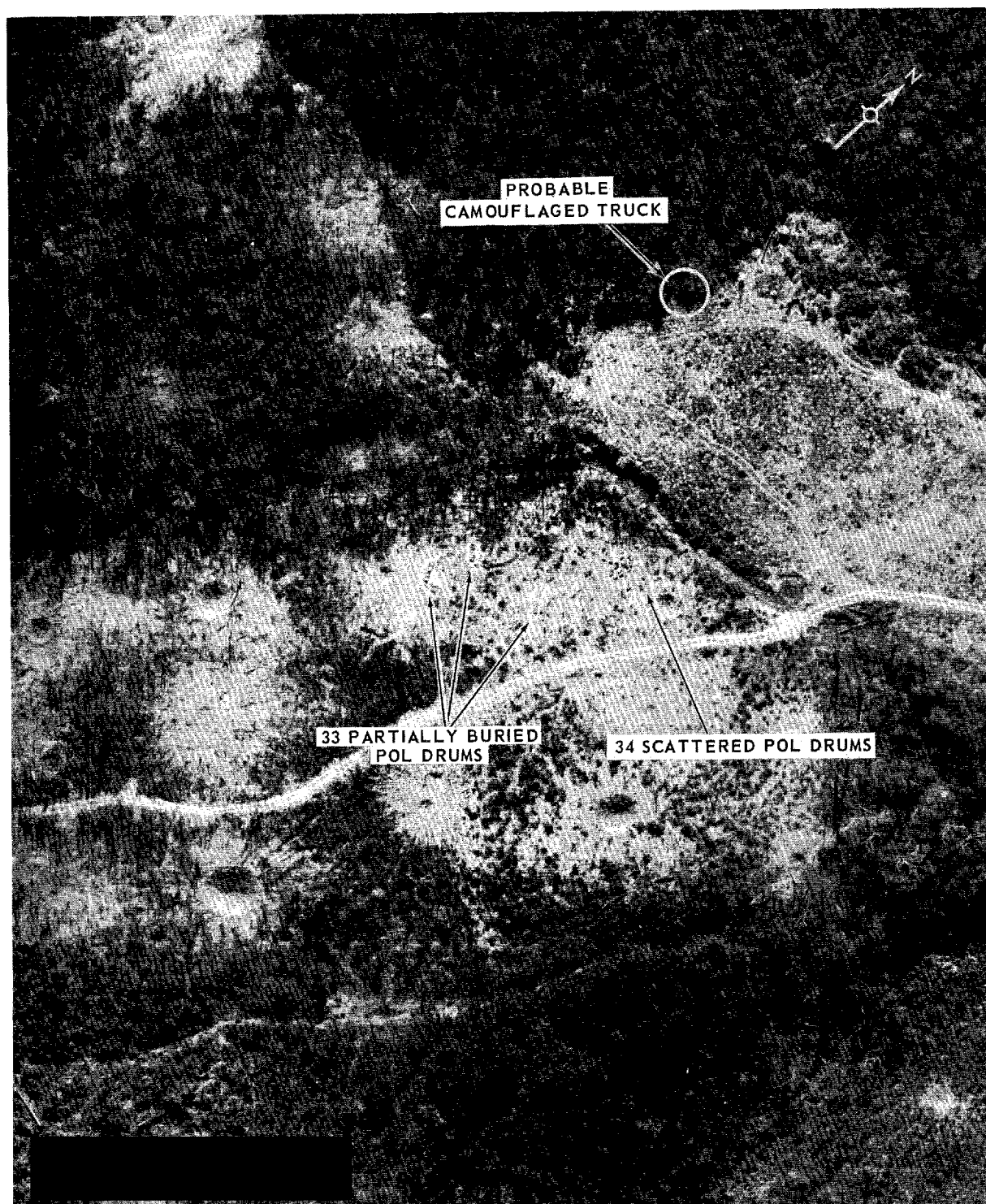
3. POL Storage Area, Route 922, Laos

A POL storage area is located immediately east of Route 922 at 16-16N 106-57E (UTM YC088995). Thirty-three POL drums, probably 55-gallon capacity, are partially buried in three trench-type excavations and an additional 34 drums are scattered in the vicinity (Figure 12). Soil in the heavily cratered area probably facilitates the burying process. A probable camouflaged truck was observed parked in the tree line near the storage site on [REDACTED] (See map, page 15.)

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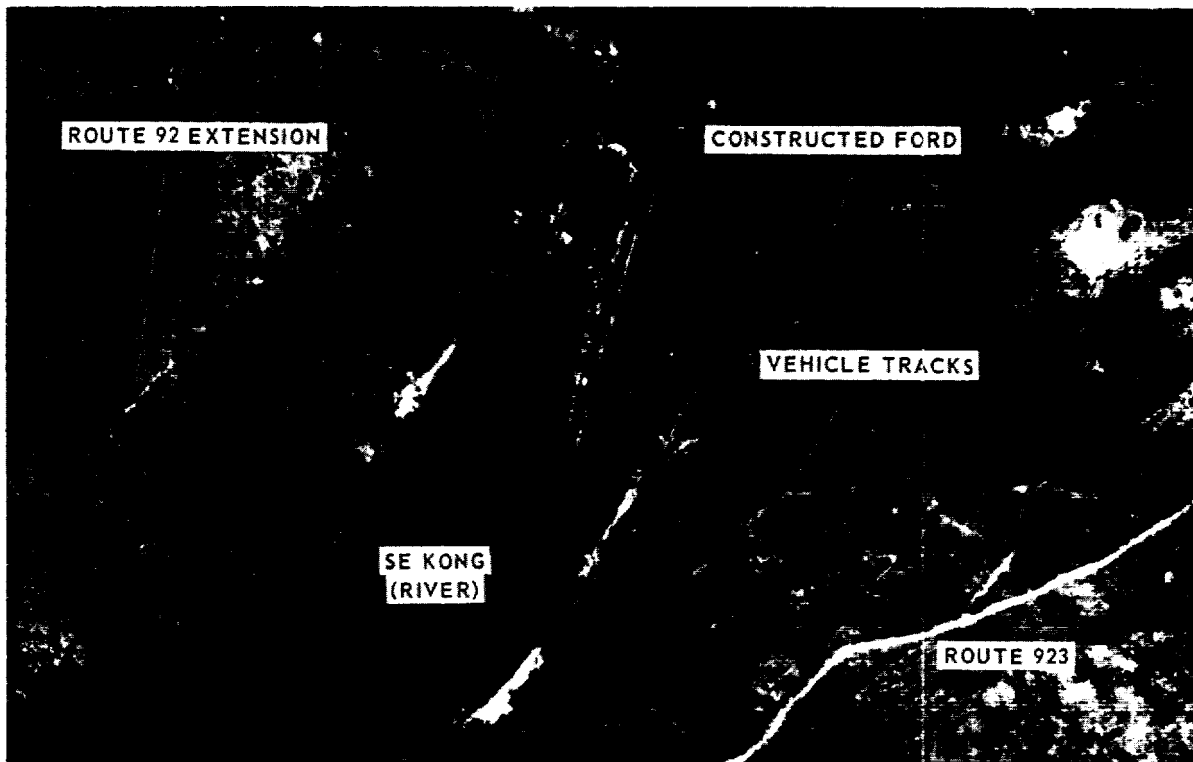
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FIGURE 12. POL STORAGE AREA (16-16N 106-57E), ROUTE 922, LAOS

4. Constructed Ford, Ban Bac Area, Laos

A constructed ford crosses the Se Kong (river) immediately east of Ban Bac in the vicinity of 15-50N 106-47E (between UTM coordinates XC924523 and XC922521). Although its operational status cannot be determined, there is some evidence of usage. Route 92 has been extended along the river bank to provide a northern approach to the ford and vehicle tracks are evident on the southern approach road from Route 923. The construction of the ford coincides with the indications of increasing vehicular activity on Route 96.

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FIGURE 13. CONSTRUCTED FORD, BAN BAC AREA, LAOS

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ROUTE 92

ROUTE 924

CONSTRUCTED FORD
(ITEM 4)

ROUTE 923

ROUTE 96

POL-TYPE DRUM
SIGHTINGS
(ITEM 5)

SE KONG
(RIVER)

LAOS

ROUTE 964

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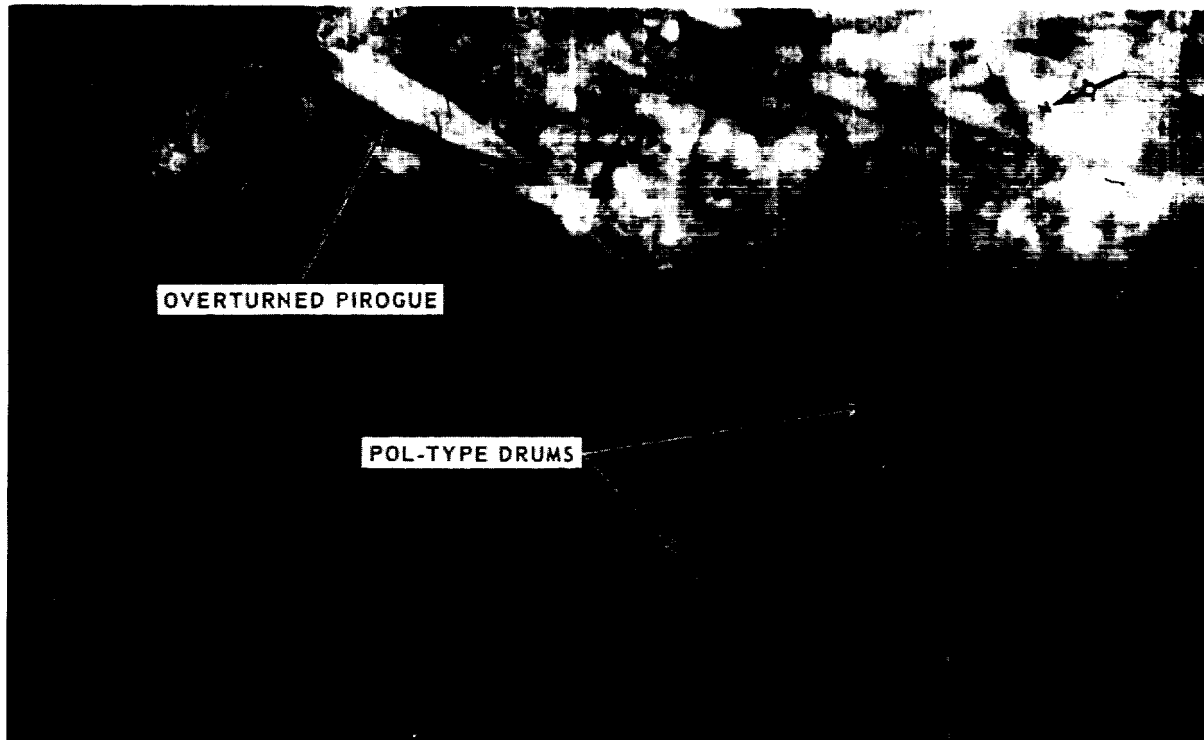
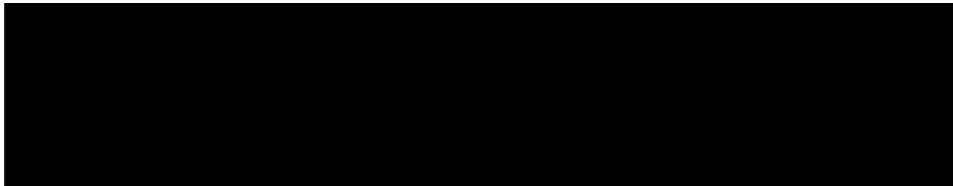
5. POL-Type Drums, Se Kong (River), Laos

25X1D Approximately 30 POL-type drums were observed along a 3.2 nm segment
25X1D of the Se Kong (river) between 15-35N 106-46E and 15-38N 106-47E on photo-
graphy of [REDACTED] (Figures 14 and 15). This segment of the river lies in
[REDACTED] the southern half of the water-borne supply route first reported in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to have been reactivated between the Ban Bac area and the western
terminus of Route 964 (Summary No. 35).

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25X1D The drums, probably 55-gallon capacity, were observed approximately
half submerged when floating; however, most of them were trapped on rock
outcrops or along the river bank. A total of 123 similar drums were
subsequently observed grouped along the entire water-borne route on
photography of [REDACTED]

25X1D The constructed and improved channels (Figure 16) -- identified in
[REDACTED], prior to the extension of the communist road network south of
Ban Bac -- have been re-established and are being maintained.



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FIGURE 14. POL-TYPE DRUMS (15-36N 106-47E), SE KONG (RIVER), LAOS

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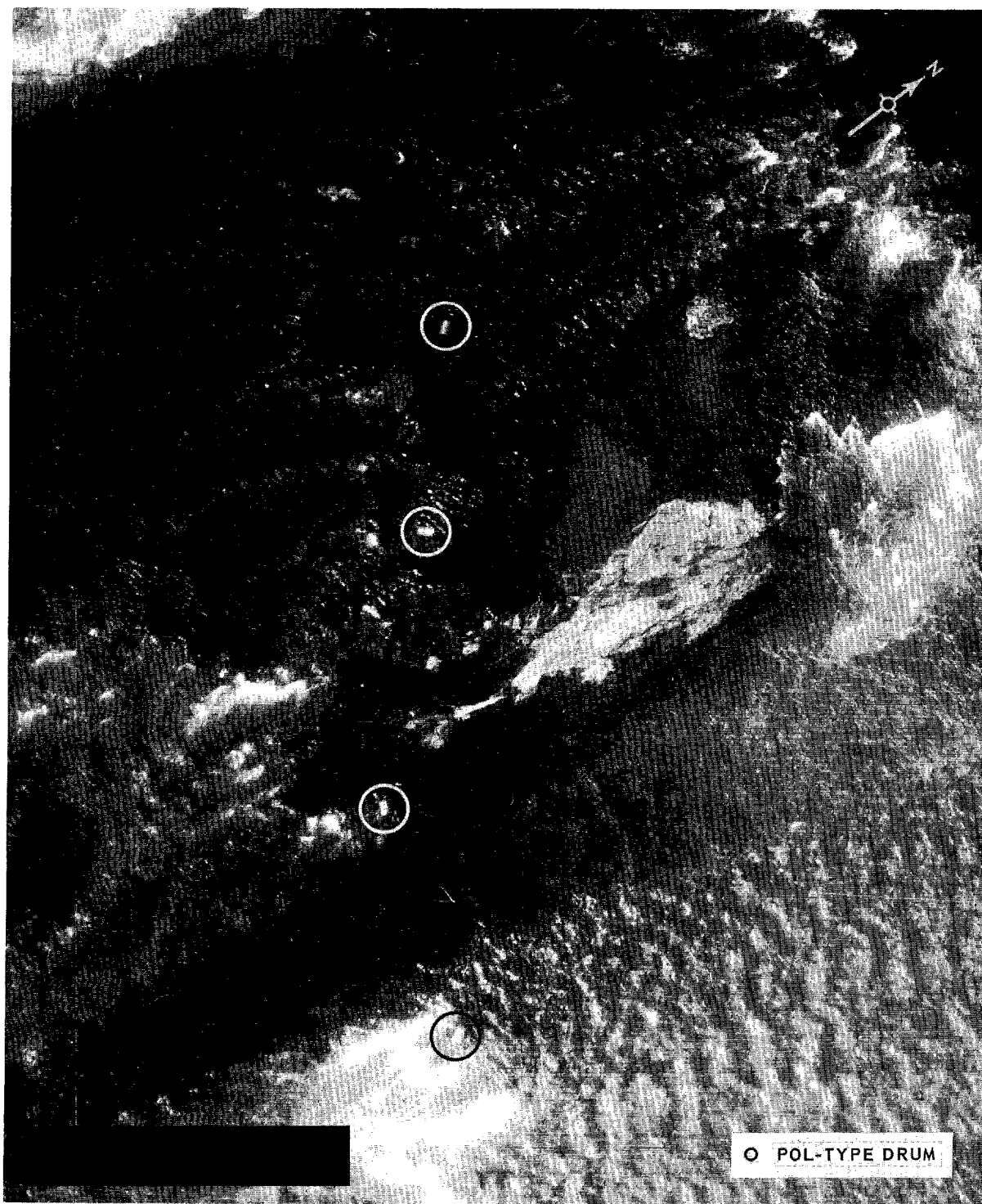
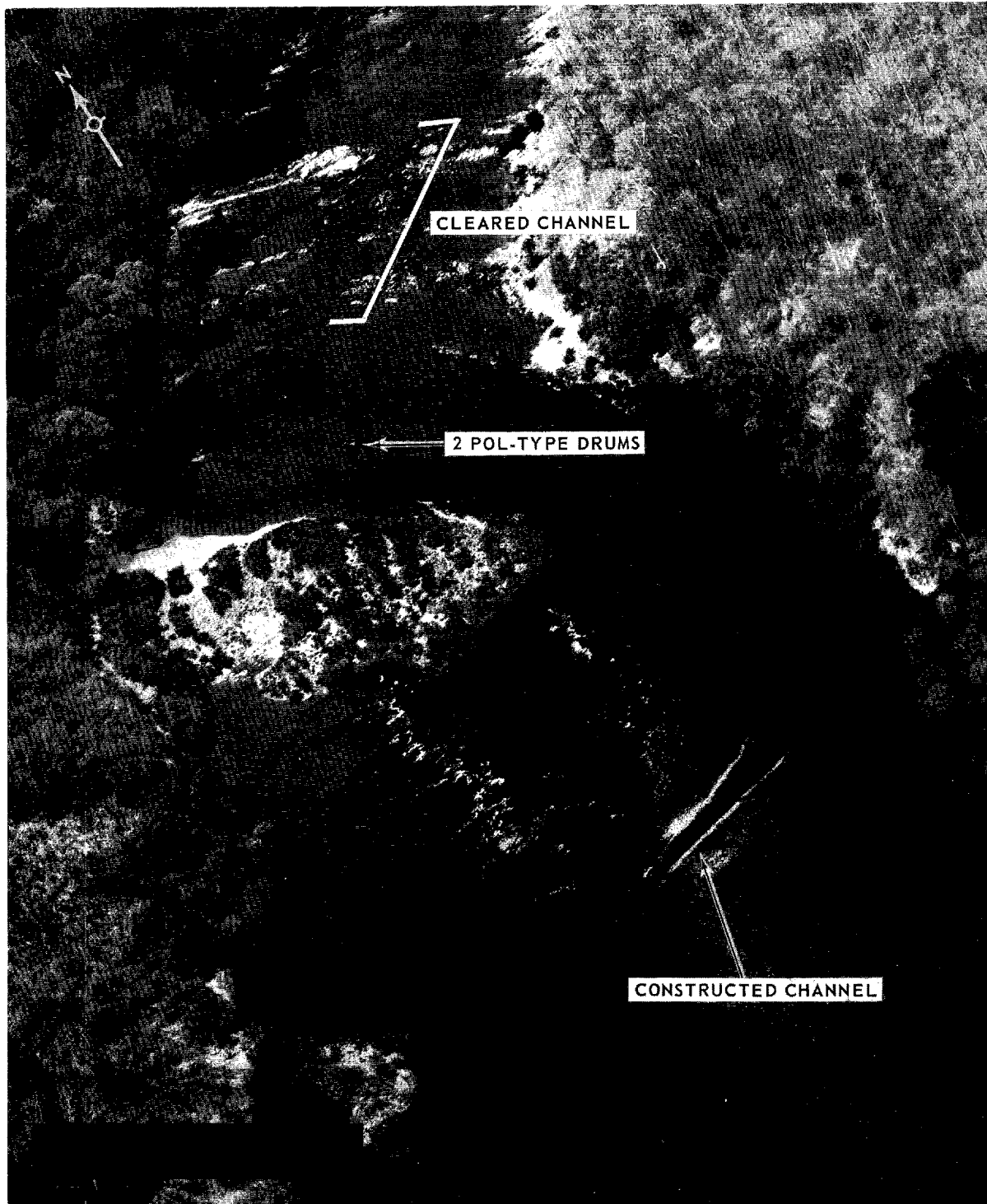


FIGURE 15. POL-TYPE DRUMS (15-38N 106-47E), SE KONG (RIVER), LAOS

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FIGURE 16. WATER-BORNE SUPPLY ROUTE (15-35N 106-46E), SE KONG (RIVER), LAOS

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6. Probable Insurgent Activity, Rach Cai Bac (Stream), Cambodia/South Vietnam Border Area

There are indications of probable insurgent activity along the Rach Cai Bac (stream) in the vicinity of 11-27N 105-53E, approximately 15 nm north-west of Tay Ninh City. The stream, this segment of which forms the border between Cambodia and South Vietnam, is known in Cambodia as the Stoeng Kampong Kdei (stream).

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A probable transshipment point containing two partially concealed storage-type buildings is located on the stream bank at UTM WT991645 with a well-used trail extending east from the river to join the South Vietnam road network. Extensive row crop agriculture is located along the stream bank at UTM WT960660. A motorized river craft was observed in the vicinity of each area on [REDACTED] (at UTM coordinates WT961677 and WT988639).

A probable insurgent support area in the vicinity of 11-33N 105-52E was reported in Summary No. 38.

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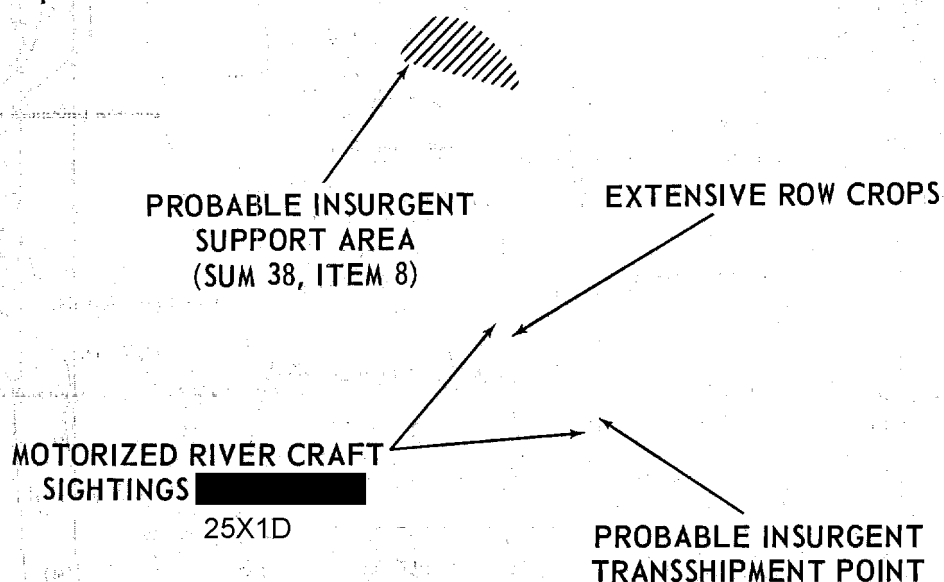
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7. Probable Insurgent Bivouac Areas, Cambodia/South Vietnam Border Area

Three probable insurgent bivouac areas have been newly located in Cambodia approximately 2 nm west of the South Vietnam border, in the vicinity of 11-02N 106-09E (at UTM coordinates XT272197, XT260199 and XT262202). Numerous foxholes and at least four AW/AA positions have been identified along the periphery of the three isolated wooded areas (Figures 17 and 18). There are extensive trail networks within each area and evidence of heavy vehicular activity in the adjacent fields.

Possibly associated row crop agriculture is located at UTM XT255206. Additional foxholes have been identified in the vicinity of the O Tapou (creek), south of Cambodia Route 1, where at least 100 water buffalo were observed between UTM coordinates XT220217 and XT258198. Herds of this size are incongruous in this area of sparse indigenous habitations, indicating the activity is probably insurgent associated.



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FIGURE 17. PROBABLE INSURGENT BIVOUC AREAS, CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

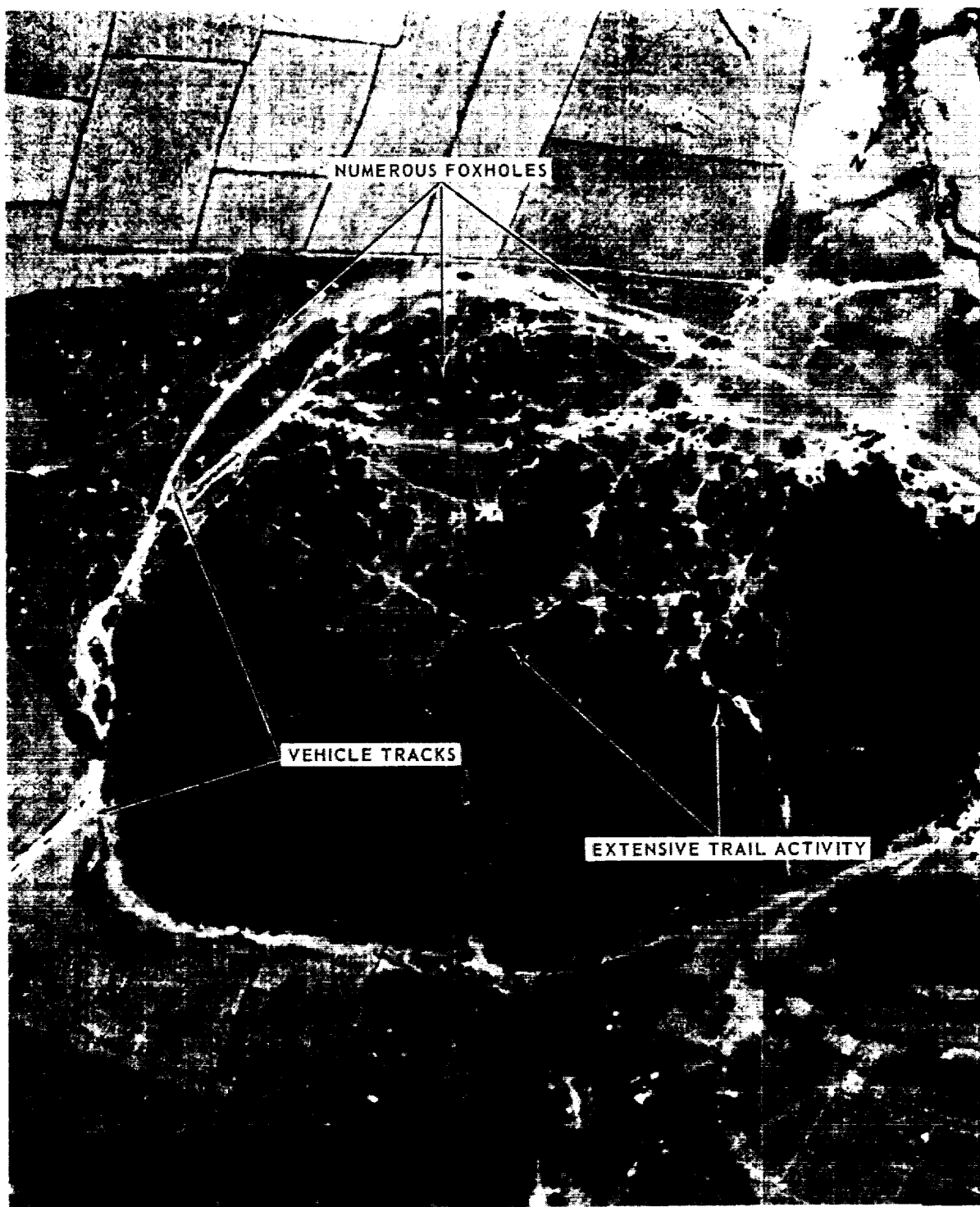
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FIGURE 18. PROBABLE INSURGENT BIVOUAC AREA, CAMBODIA SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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